

## Soviet's Plea For Delay at Hague Futile

Non-Russians Decline to Wait a Week for Decision on Debts, but Leave Way Open to New Negotiations

Moscow Withdraws Offer

Litvinoff Lingers, However, and Observers Believe Conference Is Not Dead

THE HAGUE, July 19 (By The Associated Press).—Mystery marked The Hague proceedings to-day, and the conference ended in an uncertain manner. After Maxim Litvinoff, head of the Soviet delegation, had proposed to submit to Moscow a recommendation to acknowledge pre-war debts and admit the general principle of compensation for foreign property, there was a temporary effort on the part of the non-Russian delegates to create the impression that the Russians had yielded materially.

When the non-Russian delegates met in the afternoon, however, to examine Litvinoff's proposals further, there was decided objection to submitting these proposals to the various governments and an unwillingness to wait for seven days, as M. Litvinoff had suggested, for Moscow's action on the recommendation.

Italy Adds to Mystery

One of the results of this meeting was the adoption of a cryptic resolution introduced by Baron Avezano, of Italy, which was so puzzling that nobody except the delegates, and probably not all of them, could understand it. Translated from the language of the experts into plain English, this statement is evidently intended to mean that the leading delegations at The Hague are not inclined to submit the Russian proposal to their governments and have rejected Litvinoff's suggestion of a week's delay to hear from Moscow.

The resolution concluded with the statement that Litvinoff's declaration can help to create a favorable atmosphere for future negotiations. In other words, the door is left open.

When M. Litvinoff and his associates learned of the action of the Europeans they declared that the Russian declaration was automatically withdrawn by the failure of the other delegates to wait seven days for Moscow's action, and that the Russians now felt free to make separate agreements with the various governments, as occasion might offer.

The impression is general to-night that the experts got beyond their depth and the various governments decided it was best to bring the conference to a close before further political complications arose. While the delegates constantly said that the conference was an economic and financial affair, it was clear from its inception that it was little less political than Geneva. The French and Belgian delegates had favored concluding it for the last fortnight.

The Russians are not making any preparations to-night for their departure, and the conference has been reported ended so often that there seemingly is an unwillingness to believe

## Balfour Sleeps While League Talks Balkans

LONDON, July 19 (By The Associated Press).—The session of the League of Nations Council to-day, which was devoted to Balkan frontier questions, became so wearisome that the Earl of Balfour fell asleep and his breathing could be heard above the drone of the discussions.

Other members were kept awake by frequent drafts of tea. The Council finally adjourned, it was said, out of sympathy for Lord Balfour's apparent misery.

that the temporary revival brought about by Litvinoff to-day may not be repeated.

Would Recognize Debts

In explaining the significance of the Russian proposal a Soviet delegate informed The Associated Press that if the powers, including Russia, ratified to-day's proposition the Russian delegation was ready to sign at the Hague an agreement which in principle would recognize Russia's debts and the right of foreigners to compensation for confiscated property.

"The powers have been emphasizing the necessity of creating confidence in the Russian government, if we expect financial help from abroad," he said. "Well, we are ready to build a basis of confidence by recognizing the claims against us. Surely we cannot do more. Of course, we cannot pay the bond-holders now, and must ask for a moratorium of, say, thirty years."

"We are ready to arrange for compensation in those cases where expropriated property is not returned in one form or another in the mean time."

## Lippincott's Four Nieces Seek Part of His Million

Co-administrator Appointed to Act With Sister-in-Law, Who Inherited Fortune

A move in a fight of four nieces to break the will of George T. Lippincott, an Atlantic City millionaire, who left his estate to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Bird Wolbert Bartlett, was made yesterday, when their counsel appeared to Vice-Chancellor Foster in Newark for an administrator, pending decision in the suit.

Control of the estate was left with Mrs. Bartlett, who lives in Atlantic City. Her counsel opposed the naming of any other administrator. The court appointed Harvey F. Carr, of Camden, retiring president of the New Jersey Bar Association, to act with Mrs. Bartlett.

Counsel for the nieces said the estate amounts to more than \$1,000,000. An affidavit by Mrs. Bartlett declares there is \$547,248.13 in personal property. She has paid the inheritance taxes and other debts.

Lippincott died February 14, 1921. He had first willed his property to his wife. After her death in 1917 he made a codicil, leaving everything to his wife's sister, Mrs. Bartlett. The nieces contend the codicil does not go with the will offered after Lippincott's death. They assert it goes with another testament, which has not been produced.

## Rebels Setting Stage for Last Stand at Cork

City Isolated, Roads Mined, Hotels Turned Into Forts by Irregulars, Who Have Moved Out of Clonmel

Center of Line Given Up

Free Staters Gaining Upper Hand in Limerick, Where Barracks Are Aflame

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LONDON, July 19.—The stage seems to be set for a big clash between the Free Staters and the republicans at Cork, where the rebels are reported to be prepared to make their final stand. All the roads leading to the city have been mined, and visitors have been expelled from the hotels, which have been transformed into fortresses, after the manner of the Dublin hotels when occupied by the insurgents.

Aside from such news leaking out from Cork, the whole of the south of Ireland is cut off from the outside world, all telegraph wires being cut. The Free Staters gradually are gaining the upper hand in Limerick, where heavy fighting is now in progress, and where many citizens have been killed and wounded. The rebel forces holding King John's Castle and the barracks are completely isolated, and their early surrender is expected. According to the latest reports the barracks are in flames.

The rebels evacuated Clonmel, where they had established their headquarters a few days ago, giving fresh signs that their resistance against the Free Staters is falling to pieces in southwest Ireland. The insurgents set fire to the barracks and left the neighborhood without waiting for the regulars to appear.

Clonmel is the center of a line drawn between Limerick and Waterford, and it was expected that the rebels would make a final stand at this point. Up to date the Free State troops have taken about two thousand prisoners, and the fact that these captures were effected with a small loss of life on either side seems to indicate that the morale of the irregulars is at a low ebb. It now remains to be seen whether they are prepared to stand on the left or right wing, since their center has thus given way so easily.

Rebels Breaking Into Bands

Around Limerick the situation remains the same, with fighting still in progress. Since the line to Waterford has been broken, the chances of any further successful resistance seems to have disappeared. In fact, the tendency has already been noted among the rebels to break up into small units and carry on a sort of guerrilla warfare in the mountainous regions of the south. They are now unable to muster forces of sufficient strength to oppose the well-disciplined troops of the Free State at any point.

An organized offensive is being made by the regulars against all sections still in the hands of the irregulars and

## Sister Educates Alien to Enter U. S. in 6 Weeks

GLOUCESTER, N. J., July 9. —After being tutored by his sister for six weeks, John Byrne, twenty-five years old, an immigrant, was released by immigration authorities to-day when he passed a special literacy test. He had been held at the detention house since June 4, when it was found that he was unable to read or write.

His sister, Miss Winifred Byrne, spent five hours a day teaching him the fundamentals of English. Miss Byrne is a shirt-waist maker in a Philadelphia factory, and obtained leave of absence in order to teach her brother.

neighborhoods threatened by roving bands. On every hand a voluntary mobilization of the republicans is seen, but at the same time there is no disposition either in London or Dublin to underestimate the vitality of the resistance yet possible.

Ireland is an ideal country for guerrilla warfare, as the early fighting between the Sinn Feiners and the British showed, and the republicans apparently plan to rely upon this form of resistance rather than trust to open fighting against superior forces. Michael Collins is personally directing the Free State troops and the irregulars are facing a master in their own style of battle.

That the resistance of the republicans in some sections is still formidable is shown by reports to-day that in County Antrim a Free State patrol was ambushed, with one killed and another seriously wounded. In Donegal also the rebels are still active, blowing up bridges and tearing up railroad tracks, while in Galway they were able to launch an attack against the Free State barracks, which, however, was repulsed with losses.

Rebels Still Active at Ports

Answering questions in the House of Commons this evening, Mr. Churchill admitted that the rebels still were active in several Irish ports, at one of which a radio operator was captured from a British vessel. The Colonial Secretary added that the Free State government was doing all in its power to check such lawless acts and re-establish order.

As an indication of better relations between the Free Staters and the Ulsterites it was reported to-day that eighteen Ulster prisoners were released by the former immediately after they had been taken from republicans, who had captured them in a raid. The Free Staters surprised the republican camp and had little difficulty in disarming the rebels. The prisoners from Ulster had been blindfolded and did not know where the republicans had taken them.

## Missing Goshen Man Alive; Paid His Life Insurance

An investigation made by relatives of R. J. Bemrose, of Goshen, who friends feared he might have died since he disappeared five months ago, has established from a life insurance company to which he paid a premium on his life insurance, that he is alive. The money was sent to the company by Bemrose, but he did not say where he is living.

## 1,600,000 Now Being Fed in Ukraine By Jewish Workers

Report of Distribution Committee Says Big Problem of Year in Relief Schedule Was in Russia

James N. Rosenberg, vice-chairman of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, in a report of the last year's work overseas, says that the greatest problem of the year was in relief work in Russia. His report has been submitted to the committee, which is the distributing body for all American Jewish war relief organizations.

Mr. Rosenberg has just returned to this country after ten months abroad as European director. The Russian relief work, he reports, has been done jointly with the American Relief Administration on a non-sectarian basis.

"In the Ukraine alone," his report reads, "800,000 children and a like number of adults are being fed at a cost to each organization of about \$2,225,000. This feeding will go on until about the end of the year. In addition, there have been brought into Russia, through the food draft agreement made last October, food packages to the extent of \$4,500,000, helping over 10,000,000 people. The Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has also distributed about \$1,000,000 to the general famine feeding in the Volga district under the direction of the Quakers in White Russia.

"The only other country in which the work during the last year was limited strictly to relief was Austria. There a program has been carried out with the American Relief Administration whereby 7,000,000 meals are being given to the starving professional and middle classes of Austria. The total cost of this relief is \$230,000, of which the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee contributed \$100,000. This work in Austria is supervised by a committee appointed by the President of Austria.

"The work of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in other parts of Europe during the last year has been of a constructive nature. The disbursement of \$40,000,000 in the last five years has relieved the greatest pressure for mere almsgiving, and the work in the last year has been chiefly for the purpose of helping to restore economic life—helping to make people again self-supporting."

Tremont Avenue, the Bronx, the sums of \$75, \$150 and \$180, which Ervach instructed him to use in the purchase of stock in the Radio Corporation of America.

Crossman, the indelents charge, diverted the money to his own uses, not purchasing the stock as directed. This is alleged to have constituted larceny and a violation of the laws governing stock transactions.

It was said that Crossman probably would be questioned as to his knowledge of the affairs of two bankrupt Wall Street concerns, Crossman & Co. and Plunkett & Robinson.

## Policeman Clubbed Them, Say Two; Hearing To-day

Assistant District Attorney to Inquire Into Assault Charge in Brooklyn

Assistant District Attorney Edward G. O'Neill, of Brooklyn, will investigate to-day a charge of assault made yesterday against Patrolman William Laughlin, of the Greenpoint Avenue station.

Thomas Preston, of 62 Freeman Street, and James Foley, of 100 Noble Street, told the District Attorney they were standing at the corner of Oak and Franklin streets when Laughlin came along. Knowing the strictness with which the law concerning corner loafing is enforced in that section, the men moved.

Preston said he went into a cigar store at 96 Franklin Street and Foley said he remained outside a short distance away. Preston charged that Laughlin followed him into the store and without provocation or cause, beat him with his nightstick. Preston said he suffered an injury to his head and his right arm was broken by the blows. Foley said that Laughlin then came to the street and beat him with his fists.

Joseph Gusker, of 860 Macon Street, Brooklyn, corroborated the story.

## Younghusband Gets Medal

LONDON, July 19.—The Charles P. Daly medal for 1922 was presented to Sir Francis Younghusband, president of the Royal Geographical Society, at the American Embassy this afternoon by George Harvey, the American Ambassador. It was inscribed "For explorations in northern India and Tibet and for geographical publications on the Asiatic and African borders of the empire."

## Gloria Swanson's Mother Loses in Will Contest

Jury Decides Shoe Man Insane When He Left Wife Most of \$100,000 Estate

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

LOS ANGELES, July 19.—A jury in the court of Judge James C. Rives decided to-day that Mathew P. Burns, stepfather of Gloria Swanson, was mentally incompetent when he made a will leaving most of his \$100,000 estate to his wife. The verdict sustains the contention of the relatives of Mr. Burns, who sued to break the will on the ground that the screen actress and her mother had vamped the aged shoe man. The jury consisted of ten women and two men. The charges of vamping were not sustained.

The will was made November 26, 1919, and in giving his instructions to the jury Judge Rives said they were to decide only upon the question of whether Burns was sane when the document was drawn up. The jury was out only an hour. It stood 11 to 1 in its decision that Burns was insane when the will was drawn up. This is two more than needed for a verdict under the state law.

It was intimated after the verdict had been returned that the case was not closed. Attorneys for Mrs. Burns declared they would either demand a new trial or ask for an appeal. They believe the Supreme Court will reverse the verdict.

## Harbord to Sean Atrocities

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Major General Harbord, deputy chief of staff, who has been in France for more than a month on a special mission, will head the American division on the British-American commission on the investigate reported massacres in Armenia, should the Turkish government ultimately agree to such an investigation.

Secretary Weeks said to-day that General Harbord was remaining in Europe longer than he had originally

planned in order to be available for this duty.

## Woman Tumbles Down Four Floors; Only Slightly Hurt

After falling through the wall of the first escape on the fourth floor of 2213 First Avenue late yesterday and rolling down the iron ladders from the third to the first floor, Mrs. Rose Marzola, thirty-seven years old, received only a fractured right foot and contusions.

Tenants in the house heard her screams and rushed to her assistance. The police said the woman lost her balance on the fire escape while hanging out some clothes.



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